AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph of the specification as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No.: 09/316,518, filed 5/21/1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,925,068, issued 8/2/2005, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Allocating Bandwidth in a Wireless Communication System", hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety for its teachings on bandwidth allocation methods, and referred hereafter as "the parent application". This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/613,434, filed 7/11/2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,785,252, issued 8/31/2004, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/316,518, filed 5/21/1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,925,068, issued 8/2/2005.